Menlo Park Notebook #140 [N-80-12-21]

This notebook is undated with the exception of one entry for December 21, 1880. It was kept by an unknown member of the laboratory staff and was used primarily to record cable codes for shipments of bamboo. The book also contains a copy of the "instructions given to Messrs. Russell & Co - Hong King and Canton." The label on the front cover is marked "Cable Words." There are 284 numbered pages. Only the instructions have been filmed.

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Instructions given to Messrs Russell & Co — Hong Kong and Canton

Please procure muesters of all Bamboos of which an unlimited supply can be obtained, to Combine the following requirments

1st To have a very hard and dense fibre or wood on and near the outer edge —

2nd The joints should be as straight as possible

3rd Should measure not less than nine (9) inches in length between the dressings

and not less than four (4) inches in circumference

4th Top of poles should not be used as the wood is not so hard or dense as when cut from the lower or middle portions of the poles

5th Lowest price for poles cut into convenient length for shipment say 6 or 8 ft. also give average circumference of Same —

Bamboos should be clean, well seasoned and free from insects

6th Lowest price for poles sawed between joints and split in halves

Length of joints 8 ft. per 1000
do " " 10 " " 1000

State average circumference

7th Lowest price of poles cut up into fibres

Size 8 in. long × 3/16 " per 1000
" 10 " " × 3/16 " " 1000

In lots of 100.000 to 1000.000 per month

8th State all charges for packing, shipping etc

Borneo and adjacent islands

Fiber of Cocoa-nut, betel, Sago and gomuti - used to make Cordage

Celebes and adjacent islands

Bamboo grows to height of 40 feet